EXHIBIT A

BUSINESS OFFICE 17 HIRAL DIVISION JAMES F. CLAPP (145814) 12 AUG 15 AM 11:47 jclapp@sdlaw.com JAMES T. HANNINK (131747) CLERK-SUPERIOR COURT jhannink@sdlaw.com SAN DIEGO COUNTY. CA ZACH P. DOSTART (255071) zdostart@sdlaw.com DOSTART CLAPP & COVENEY, LLP 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 970 San Diego, California 92122-1253 Tel: 858-623-4200 Fax: 858-623-4299 6 7 Attorneys for Plaintiff 8 9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 11 37-2012-00102442-CU-MC-CTL 12 ROBERT REED, individually and on behalf CASE NO. of all others similarly situated, 13 ACTION COMPLAINT FOR CLASS Plaintiff, VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA PENAL 14 CODE SECTION 630 ET SEQ. VS. 15 1-800 CONTACTS, INC., a Delaware 16 corporation, and DOES 1-50, inclusive, 17 Defendant. 18 19 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS 20 1. Plaintiff Robert Reed ("Plaintiff") is an individual residing in San Diego County, 21 California. 22 2. Defendant 1-800 Contacts, Inc., is a Delaware corporation that transacts business in 23 San Diego County, California. 24 3. Plaintiff does not know the names of the defendants sued as DOES 1 through 50 but will amend this complaint when that information becomes known. Plaintiff alleges on 26 information and belief that each of the DOE defendants is affiliated with each named defendant in 27 some respect and is in some manner responsible for the wrongdoing alleged herein, either as a direct participant, or as the principal, agent, successor, alter ego, or co-conspirator of each named CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 630 ET SEQ.

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defendant. For ease of reference, plaintiff will refer to the named defendants and the DOE defendants collectively as "defendants."

- Venue is proper in this judicial district because the complained of conduct occurred in this judicial district.
- During the twelve months preceding the filing of this complaint, and while plaintiff resided in and was physically present in the State of California, plaintiff had one or more telephone communications with defendants' representatives in which he provided confidential financial information to defendants. Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that defendants secretly recorded these communications. Defendants did not notify plaintiff that they were recording the communications, nor did defendants obtain plaintiff's consent.
- Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that, during the twelve months preceding the filing of this complaint, defendants routinely recorded incoming and outgoing telephone communications with customers who resided in and were physically present in the State of California without notifying the customers that the communications were being recorded.
- 7. California Penal Code section 632 prohibits the recording of confidential communications made by telephone without the consent of all parties to the communication. California Penal Code section 632.7 prohibits the recording of any communication without the consent of all parties where one of the parties to the communication is using a cordless or cellular telephone.
- 8. Defendants' practice of surreptitiously recording telephone communications violates Cal. Penal Code section 630 et seq., including without limitation Cal. Penal Code sections 632 and 632.7.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

Plaintiff brings this lawsuit as a class action under Code of Civil Procedure section 9. 382. The class ("Class") plaintiff seeks to represent is defined as follows: "All natural persons who, while residing in and physically present in the State of California, and during the applicable statute of limitations: (1) participated in at least one telephone communication with a live representative of defendants that was recorded by defendants; (2) were not notified by defendants 4

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27 28 that their telephone communication was being recorded; and (3) are identifiable through defendants' records. Excluded from the class are all employees of defendants, all employees of defendants' counsel, and all employees of plaintiff's counsel."

- 10. Ascertainability. The members of the Class may be ascertained by reviewing records in the possession of defendants, including without limitation defendants' call records, customer records, call lists, and the secret recordings themselves.
- 11. Common Questions of Fact or Law. There are questions of fact or law that are common to the Class, which predominate over individual issues. These common questions include, without limitation: (1) defendants' policies and procedures for recording telephone communications with customers in California; (2) whether defendants notify their customers that their telephone communications are recorded; (3) whether defendants' conduct constitutes a violation of Cal. Penal Code section 630 et. seq., including without limitation Sections 632 and 632.7; (4) defendants' recordkeeping practices; and (5) the appropriate remedies for defendants' conduct.
- 12. Numerosity. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all Class members would be impracticable. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Class consists of well over 100 members.
- Typicality and Adequacy. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class 13. members. Like the other Class members, plaintiff participated in one or more telephone communications with defendants that were secretly recorded. Plaintiff has no interests that are adverse to those of the other Class members. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class members.
- Superiority. A class action is superior to other methods for resolving this 14. controversy. Because the damages suffered by each Class member are low, the expense and burden of individual litigation would make it impossible for members of the Class to redress the wrongs done to them. Class certification would also conserve judicial resources and avoid the possibility of inconsistent judgments.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

2 3 (Violation of Cal. Penal Code section 630 et seq.)

Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that, within the applicable statute of

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27 28 limitations, plaintiff and the Class members, while residing in and physically present in the State

of California, participated in telephone communications with a live representative of defendants. which communications were recorded by defendants without the consent of plaintiff and the Class members. Defendants did not notify plaintiff and the Class members that the communications

were being recorded.

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17. Plaintiff and the Class members had an objectively reasonable expectation that their telephone communications were confidential and were not being recorded. There were no beeps or similar sounds that would lead plaintiff and the Class members to believe that their communications were being recorded.

- 18. Cal. Penal Code section 632 prohibits the intentional recording of a confidential communication without the consent of all parties to the communication. Cal. Penal Code section 632.7 prohibits the intentional recording of a confidential communication without the consent of all parties where one of the parties to the communication is using a cellular or cordless telephone. Defendants violated Sections 632 and 632.7 by intentionally recording confidential communications with plaintiff and other Class members without obtaining their consent.
- As a result of defendants' conduct, plaintiff and the Class members have been injured. Accordingly, plaintiff and the Class members are entitled to statutory damages of \$5,000 per recorded communication pursuant to Cal. Penal Code section 637.2, injunctive relief to halt the secret recording of communication pursuant to Cal. Penal Code section 637.2(b), and attorneys' fees pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. Proc. section 1021.5.

<u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment against defendants as follows:

- For statutory damages as alleged herein; 1.
- 2. For injunctive relief as alleged herein;

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1	3.	For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs;		
2	4.	For pre-judgment interest; and		
3	5,	For such other relief that the Court deems proper,		
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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

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1-800 CONTACTS, INC., a Delaware corporation, and DOES 1-50, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

ROBERT REED, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

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CLERK-SUPERIOR COURT SAN DIEGO COUNTY. CA

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information

Pour have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Hetp Center (www.courtinio.ca.gow/self/hetp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lewhelpcetifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfnelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandedo. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, to corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lee to información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegan. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar curto y nacer que se entregue una copia si cernantaria. Una certa o una terribula terretura no lo procesar de esta contra en formato legal correcto si desae que procesar su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayude de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más carca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cualas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte fe podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

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pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California in and for the County of San Diego Hall of Justice 330 W Broadway

CASE NURRBER: (Names del Caso): 37-2012-00102442-CU-MC-CTL

San Diego, CA 92101 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Tel: (858) 623-4200 Fax: (858) 623-4299 JAMES F. CLAPP (145814) DOSTART CLAPP & COVENEY, LLP 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 970, San Diego, CA 92122 DATE: AUG 1 5 20 12 M. Reyes Clerk, by Deputy (Secretario) (Adjunto) (Fecha) (For proof, of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).) (Para prueba de entrega de esta citatión use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)). NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual defendant. as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify): 2. Fon behalf of (specify): 1-800 Contacts Inc CCP 416.60 (minor) under: GCP 416.10 (corporation) CCP 416.70 (conservate e) CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) CCP 416.90 (authorized person) CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) other (specify): by personal delivery on (date): Page 1 of 1 Cods of Civil Procedure 5\$ 412.20, 485 Form Adopted for Mandatory Use

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 Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions. 						
File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local count rule.						
 If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or preceeding. 						
• Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.						

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This Information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counset, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" Under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) but damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment with of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiffs designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

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CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES
Auto Tort
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             Asbestos Personal Injury/
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Auto Subrogation
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Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal
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Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil
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Defamation (e.g., slander, libel)
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Professional Negligence (25)
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Writ-Administrative Mandamus
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Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)
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Review of Health Officer Order
        Wrongful Termination (36) Other
             Employment (15)
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Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)
Antihust/Trade Regulation (03)
        Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Insurance Coverage Claims
               (arising from provisionally complex
  case type listed above) (41)
Enforcement of Judgment
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Other Civil Petition

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET

Commissioner Appeals

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION

CASE NUMBER: 37-2012-00102442-CU-MC-CTL

CASE TITLE: Reed vs. 1-800 Contacts Inc.

NOTICE: All plaintiffs/cross-complainants in a general civil case are required to serve a copy of the following three forms on each defendant/cross-defendant, together with the complaint/cross-complaint:

- (1) this Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information form (SDSC form #CIV-730),
- (2) the Stipulation to Use Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) form (SDSC form #CIV-359), and
- (3) the Notice of Case Assignment form (SDSC form #CIV-721).

Most civil disputes are resolved without filing a lawsuit, and most civil lawsuits are resolved without a trial. The courts, community organizations, and private providers offer a variety of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes to help people resolve disputes without a trial. The San Diego Superior Court expects that litigants will utilize some form of ADR as a mechanism for case settlement before trial, and it may be beneficial to do this early in the case.

Below is some information about the potential advantages and disadvantages of ADR, the most common types of ADR, and how to find a local ADR program or neutral. A form for agreeing to use ADR is attached (SDSC form #CIV-359).

Potential Advantages and Disadvantages of ADR

ADR may have a variety of advantages or disadvantages over a trial, depending on the type of ADR process used and the particular case;

Potential Advantages

- · Saves time
- Saves money
- Gives parties more control over the dispute resolution process and outcome
- · Preserves or improves relationships

Potential Disadvantages

- May take more time and money if ADR does not resolve the dispute
- Procedures to learn about the other side's case (discovery), jury trial, appeal, and other court protections may be limited or unavailable

Most Common Types of ADR

You can read more information about these ADR processes and watch videos that demonstrate them on the count's ADR webpage at http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/adr.

Mediation: A neutral person called a "mediator" helps the parties communicate in an effective and constructive manner so they can try to settle their dispute. The mediator does not decide the outcome, but helps the parties to do so. Mediation is usually confidential, and may be particularly useful when parties want or need to have an ongoing relationship, such as in disputes between family members, neighbors, co-workers, or business partners, or when parties want to discuss non-legal concerns or creative resolutions that could not be ordered at a trial.

Settlement Conference: A judge or another neutral person called a "settlement officer" helps the parties to understand the strengths and weaknesses of their case and to discuss settlement. The judge or settlement officer does not make a decision in the case but helps the parties to negotiate a settlement. Settlement conferences may be particularly helpful when the parties have very different ideas about the likely outcome of a trial and would like an experienced neutral to help guide them toward a resolution.

Arbitration: A neutral person called an "arbitrator" considers arguments and evidence presented by each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence are usually relaxed. If the parties agree to binding arbitration, they waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as final. With nonbinding arbitration, any party may reject the arbitrator's decision and request a trial. Arbitration may be appropriate when the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial.

Other ADR Processes: There are several other types of ADR which are not offered through the court but which may be obtained privately, including neutral evaluation, conciliation, fact finding, mini-trials, and summary jury trials. Sometimes parties will try a combination of ADR processes. The important thing is to try to find the type or types of ADR that are most likely to resolve your dispute. Be sure to learn about the rules of any ADR program and the qualifications of any neutral you are considering, and about their fees.

Local ADR Programs for Civil Cases

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Mediation: The San Diego Superior Court maintains a Civil Mediation Panel of approved mediators who have met certain minimum qualifications and have agreed to charge \$150 per hour for each of the first two (2) hours of mediation and their regular hourly rate thereafter in court-referred mediations.

On-line mediator search and selection: Go to the court's ADR webpage at www.sdcourt.ca.gov/adr and click on the "Mediator Search" to review individual mediator profiles containing detailed information about each mediator including their dispute resolution training, relevant experience, ADR specialty, education and employment history, mediation style, and fees and to submit an on-line Mediator Selection Form (SDSC form #CIV-005). The Civil Mediation Panel List, the Available Mediator List, individual Mediator Profiles, and Mediator Selection Form (CIV-005) can also be printed from the court's ADR webpage and are available at the Mediation Program Office or Civil Business Office at each court location.

Settlement Conference: The judge may order your case to a mandatory settlement conference, or voluntary settlement conferences may be requested from the court if the parties certify that: (1) settlement negotiations between the parties have been pursued, demands and offers have been tendered in good faith, and resolution has failed; (2) a judicially supervised settlement conference presents a substantial opportunity for settlement; and (3) the case has developed to a point where all parties are legally and factually prepared to present the issues for settlement consideration and further discovery for settlement purposes is not required. Refer to SDSC Local Rule 2.2.1 for more information. To schedule a settlement conference, contact the department to which your case is assigned.

Arbitration: The San Diego Superior Court maintains a panel of approved judicial arbitrators who have practiced law for a minimum of five years and who have a certain amount of trial and/or arbitration experience. Refer to SDSC Local Rules <u>Division II, Chapter III</u> and Code Civ. Proc. § 1141.10 et seq or contact the Arbitration Program Office at (619) 450-7300 for more information.

More information about court-connected ADR: Visit the court's ADR webpage at www.sdcourt.ca.gov/adr or contact the court's Mediation/Arbitration Office at (619) 450-7300.

Dispute Resolution Programs Act (DRPA) funded ADR Programs: The following community dispute resolution programs are funded under DRPA (Bus. and Prof. Code §§ 465 et seq.):

- In Central, East, and South San Diego County, contact the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) at www.ncrconline.com or (619) 238-2400.
- In North San Diego County, contact North County Lifeline, Inc. at www.ndifeline.org or (760) 726-4900.

Private ADR: To find a private ADR program or neutral, search the internet, your local telephone or business directory, or legal newspaper for dispute resolution, mediation, settlement, or arbitration services.

Legal Representation and Advice

To participate effectively in ADR, it is generally important to understand your legal rights and responsibilities and the likely outcomes if you went to trial. ADR neutrals are not allowed to represent or to give legal advice to the participants in the ADR process. If you do not already have an attorney, the California State Bar or your local County Bar Association can assist you in finding an attorney. Information about obtaining free and low cost legal assistance is also available on the California courts website at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/lowcost.

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ALL CASES MUST COMPLY WITH THE CIVIL REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW, EXCEPT FOR PARKING CITATION APPEALS

IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH PLAINTIFF (AND CROSS-COMPLAINANT) TO SERVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE WITH THE COMPLAINT (AND CROSS-COMPLAINT), THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION FORM (SDSC FORM #CIV-730), A STIPULATION TO USE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) (SDSC FORM #CIV-359), AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS SET OUT IN SDSC LOCAL RULE 2.1.5.

ALL COUNSEL WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH SUPERIOR COURT RULES WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AS DIVISION II, AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

- TIME STANDARDS: The following timeframes apply to general civil cases and must be adhered to unless you have requested and been granted an extension of time. General civil cases consist of all civil cases except: small claims proceedings, civil petitions, unlawful detainer proceedings, probate, guardianship, conservatorship, juvenile, and family law proceedings.
- COMPLAINTS: Complaints and all other documents listed in SDSC Local Rule 2.1.5 must be served on all named defendants, and a Certificate of Service (SDSC form #CIV-345) filed within 60 days of filing.
- DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE: Defendant must generally appear within 30 days of service of the complaint. (Plaintiff may stipulate to no more than 15 day extension which must be in writing and filed with the Court.) (SDSC Local Rule 2.1.6)
- DEFAULT: If the defendant has not generally appeared and no extension has been granted, the plaintiff must request default within 45 days of the filling of the Certificate of Service. (SDSC Local Rule 2.1.7)
- CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE: A Case Management Conference will be set within 150 days of filing the complaint.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR): THE COURT ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONSIDER UTILIZING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES TO TRIAL, INCLUDING MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION, PRIOR TO THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. PARTIES MAY FILE THE ATTACHED STIPULATION TO USE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (SDSC FORM #CIV-359).

YOU MAY ALSO BE ORDERED TO PARTICIPATE IN ARBITRATION. IF THE CASE IS ORDERED TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO CODE CIV. PROC. 1411.11, THE COSTS OF ARBITRATION WILL BE PAID BY THE COURT PURSUANT TO CODE CIV. PROC. 1141.28.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE THE ATTACHED ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR.) INFORMATION FORM (SDSC FORM #CIV-730)

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Superior Court of California County of San Diego

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO IMAGING DEPARTMENT

This case has been assigned to an Imaging Department and original documents attached to pleadings filed with the court will be imaged and destroyed. Original documents should not be filed with pleadings. If necessary, they should be lodged with the court under California Rules of Court, rule 3.1302(b).

On August 1, 2011 the San Diego Superior Court began the Electronic Filing and Imaging Pilot Program ("Program"). As of August 1, 2011 in all new cases assigned to an Imaging Department all filings will be imaged electronically and the electronic version of the document will be the official court file. The official court file will be electronic and accessible at one of the kiosks located in the Civil Business Office and on the Internet through the court's website. This Program will be expanding to other civil courtrooms over time.

You should be aware that the electronic copy of the filed document(s) will be the official court record pursuant to Government Code section 68150. The paper filing will be imaged and held for 90 days. After that time it will be destroyed and recycled. Thus, you should not attach any original documents to pleadings filed with the San Diego Superior Court. Original documents filed with the court will be imaged and destroyed except those documents specified in California Rules of Court, rule 3.1806. Any original documents necessary for a motion hearing or trial shall be lodged in advance of the hearing pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1302(b).

It is the duty of each plaintiff, cross-complainant or petitioner to serve a copy of this notice with the complaint, cross-complaint or petition on all parties in the action.

On all pleadings filed after the initial case originating filing, all parties must, to the extent it is feasible to do so, place the words "IMAGED FILE" in all caps immediately under the title of the pleading on all subsequent pleadings filed in the action.

Please refer to the General Order - Imaging located on the San Diego Superior Court website at:

http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/CivillmagingGeneralOrder